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Application No. 08/757,873	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: November 27, 1996	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.378(c)
Attorney Docket No. <b>G&amp;C 30794.256-US-01</b>	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed March 7, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

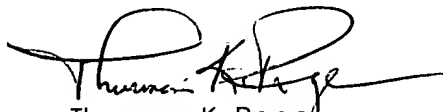
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired at midnight on July 14, 2010 for failure to pay the 11½ year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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